

[illegible]

In claim 5, basis for lines 2-3 is found at page 9, lines 5-11.

chambers.

Claim 5 has been further amended to delete the term "stop". There is now antecedent basis for "said then developing a second vacuum step" at claim 10, line 12.

4

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 5-8 and 10 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Tetsuya Mizusugi, et al.

By their attorneys,

MERCHANT, GOULD, SMITH, EDELL,
WELTER, & SCHMIDT, P.A.
3100 Norwest Center
90 South Seventh Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402
(612) 332-5300

Dated: May 19, 1997

By Curtis B. Hamre
Curtis B. Hamre
Reg. No. 29,165